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Avila College

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Avila College Makes Commitment To The Future

Graduation '89 is now a thing of the past and it's time to plan for the class of 1990. Considering that Avila College was founded in 1916, the accomplishments and the changes of the past 73 years are impressive as well as notable. When Avila first opened its doors the impact it had on the community was extensive; it was the first private college for women in Kansas City. Now, in 1989, Avila is making great strides, reaching out to better serve the needs of its students and the community, and taking advantage of the reputation it has built over the years. Students, staff, friends and alumni are and will be responsible for making it happen in the past, present and the future. "It" being molding Avila into the kind of college that makes anyone associated with it, proud!

In looking toward future commitment, it is appropriate and memorable to take a glance at the past. Here are some of the events that have occurred during Avila's growth and maturity...

1963: Avila's first campus building, O'Rielly Hall, named after the first graduate and benefactor of the College, Margaret O'Rielly, was completed and the College was moved to its new campus at 11901 Wornall Road. During its first Commencement exercises on Avila's new campus, honorary doctorates were awarded to U.S. Senator Stuart Symington, Homer Wadsworth and the Reverend Maurice Van Ackeren.

1964: Blasco Hall was completed. The Special Education program was established. U.S. Treasurer Kathy O'Hay Graham addressed the Scholarship Sponsors during its second year of activity.

1965: Alfred Blasco was elected President of the Board of Counselors. Congresswoman Edith Green of Oregon spoke to Avila guests about the future of higher education. Carondelet and Marian Centre were completed and, together with O'Rielly and Blasco, were dedicated by Cardinal Ritter, Archbishop of St. Louis. (350 students were enrolled at Avila.)

1966: The Avila campus received the Urban Design Award. Men were admitted as part-time students for the first time.

1967: Avila's Montessori School opened, Fayle Chapel was completed, and the first lay trustees in Avila's history were invited to the Board. Avila received funding from Title III which permitted the hiring of three national teaching fellows in the areas of Political Science, Psychology and Sociology. Chrysler Corporation presented Avila with a brand new station wagon.

1968: A major fund drive for a Theatre and Nurse Education Centre was initiated. The College received full accreditation for ten years from North Central. (466 students were enrolled at Avila.)

1969: Avila College became fully co-educational. The Medical Technology program was established, and 21 students enrolled for a European program to study in Luxembourg.

1970: Ridgeway Hall was completed. Avila accepted the Associate of Arts degree, and a Baccalaureate Degree Completion program for registered nurses was started.

1971: President Harry S. Truman gave his formal approval to Avila College to offer a lecture series in his name. A Federal construction grant of \$274,000 was received for the Theatre/Nurse Education Centre building fund.

1972: Avila's drama students received the coveted National Midwest Theatre Conference award. The College began offering a Campus Ministry and Religious Studies program as well as radio/TV courses. The President's Scholarship Club was organized. Avila alumni hosted their first major Homecoming.

1973: Ground was broken for the Nurse Education Centre and Theatre complex. Evening classes were started (1,065 students were enrolled at Avila.)

1974: Goppert Theatre held its first season in its new complex. Avila's Social Work program was accredited for five years by the Council on Social Work Education, and an Economics major was established. Increasing male enrollment enabled the College to start a men's basketball program.

1975: Emphasis was placed on the Pre-Medicine and Allied Health programs. Campus expansions included a new soccer field and parking lots. Goppert Theatre and Borsenine Nursing Centre received design awards. Senator Thomas Eagleton was the Commencement speaker.

1976: Avila began a major fund drive for the construction of a new library. A commitment to lifetime learning was made through the hiring of a full-time Director of Continuing Education. The Harry S. Truman lecture series continued with a special presentation by columnist William F. Buckley to a standing-room-only crowd.

1977: A groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new library. Margaret Mead, noted anthropologist, and columnist commentator Irving R. Levine, came to Avila as guest lecturers. Henry Bloch was the invited Commencement speaker. The Women's Leadership Institute (WLI) was developed to promote the advancement of women into decision-making roles throughout the community. Avila sponsored its first American Royal Steer Dinner/Auction.



Ground is broken for the Hooley-Bundschi Library ('77)

1978: Avila received unconditional re-accreditation by North Central for a ten-year period. The Hooley-Bundschi Library, Whitfield Continuing Education Centre and Thornhill Art Gallery were opened. Avila received accreditation of its graduate programs in Business, Education and Psychology.

1979: The Friends of the Library became an important support group for Avila. Mahee Foundation offered the College a \$500,000 challenge grant for the construction of a new fieldhouse. Avila was one of two colleges in Missouri to receive a Teacher Corp. grant. (For the first time in history, enrollment rose above 2,000.)

1980: Avila and Saint Joseph Hospital joined to offer the first and only campus-based baccalaureate program in Radiological Technology in Kansas City. The U.S. Department of H.E.W. awarded a three-year articulation grant to the Nursing Department. Commencement exercises were held in Mahee Fieldhouse for the first time and Avila proudly conferred its first Masters degrees.

1981: Avila was awarded a two-year Title III grant of \$675,000 which went towards the purchasing of two computers and provided for the development of special programs in Business, Health Services Administration and Physics. Senator Nancy Landon Kassebaum was the Truman Lecturer for the year.

from the President...



Commencement is always an exciting time of the year at Avila. It is gratifying to share in the pride and accomplishments of our graduates. We regret to see students we have come to know and respect leave the campus, but it is joyful to know that they have achieved a goal and are faced with many opportunities for new adventures.

Commencement is also a time that reminds us that the enduring tradition of excellence is what makes Avila an important member of the Kansas City community and private Catholic higher education. Contributing to this tradition are the Sisters of St. Joseph, the college's outstanding faculty and staff, a diversified and committed student population, and support from alumni, friends, corporations, foundations, members of the College's Board of Counselors and Board of Trustees.

During the past year, Avila enjoyed many accomplishments. Enrollment increased throughout all of its student populations. The addition of full-time faculty and staff provided the opportunity to further improve the quality of education and service. The new administrative computer system and the development of a new strategic plan enabled the college to begin operating with increased efficiency and purpose in planning for the future of Avila College. The expansion of the Board of Trustees and Board of Counselors has brought new community leadership to the college while assisting in meeting the needs of Kansas City and preparing Avila's graduates for the environment in which they will work and live.

This past year, the Avila community participated in the formulation of values which clarify the Avila mission.

THE AVILA COMMUNITY VALUES

Excellence in teaching and learning
The Catholic identity of the College
The sponsorship and contribution of the Sisters of St. Joseph
The worth, dignity and potential of each human being
Diversity and its expression
Commitment to the continual growth of the whole person
Interaction with and service to others

We are proud of Avila... the students, employees, Sisters of St. Joseph, alumni and friends who make Avila a wonderful place to learn and live.

1982: The Avila Athletic Booster Club was formed to provide moral and financial support to Avila's growing athletic program. The Hallmark Educational Foundation recognized the excellence of the Nursing Department with a five-year grant. Avila's soccer team was ranked #1 in NAIA and won four area championships. Senator Danforth's Commencement address called for a commitment to stewardship over the resources of the earth.

1983: Avila's Teacher Education program received approval from the state of Missouri for a seven-year period. Bill Warris, former basketball coach, became the first person to be inducted into the Avila College Athletic Hall of Fame. Frederick Zuckerman, Treasurer of Chrysler Corporation, spoke at Commencement exercises.

1984: Sherri Eveloff Botesow was the first graduate of Avila's four-year Radiography program. Employers in the Kansas City area publicly recognized Avila College as "producing some of the best trained chemists in the Kansas City area." Avila introduced its Weekend College program.

1985: Dr. Larry Kramer was appointed the first lay president in the history of the College by the Board of Trustees. Dr. Kramer is the first lay president in the history of Avila. The Radiology program received a five-year continued accreditation from the Commission on Allied Health, Education and Accreditation.

1986: A reorganization of the academic departmental structure took place. The first Donor Dinner was held in appreciation of friends and alumni who generously give to the College. The Living Memorial Scholarship was started.

1987: The Avila Campus Ministry Advisory Committee was formed. The \$3.2 million dollar campaign was successfully completed. The Goppert \$244,000 Challenge Grant was made to start funds for an administrative computer system. The first Alumnus of the Year award was presented.

1988: Avila received a glowing report from North Central along with another 10-year accreditation. A \$100,000 Challenge Grant was issued in support of Avila's Annual Fund. A new academic core curriculum was adopted.

Today, Avila College continues to conquer new challenges and reach new heights. On May 11, 1989, Avila College announced a working relationship with Saint Joseph Health Center to address the nursing shortage in the Kansas City region. The announcement centered around \$240,000 in funding for Avila nursing scholarships in return for baccalaureate degree nurses committing to work for Saint Joseph Health Center while working towards their degrees and one year after graduation. (Interested applicants should contact Cindy Butler in the Financial Aid Office, 942-8400).

Avila's Master of Business Administration, Master of Science in Psychology and Master of Science in Education grow stronger each year and continue to hold an educational niche in the community. In addition, its undergraduate programs reflect Avila's concern and dedication to preparing students for today's world. The four-year Biological Technology and Legal Assistant degree programs are exclusive to this area, while the Medical Technology, Computer Science/Mathematics, Economics, Finance, Accounting and more than 30 additional majors offered at Avila are gaining recognition for their thoroughness in preparing students for challenging and successful careers.

The modern Thornhill Art Gallery and Goppert Theatre house many outstanding exhibits and productions throughout the year and serve to display the talents which are developed through Avila's widely-recognized drama and art programs.

Specialized programs such as Elderhostel and College For Elders, Camps for Kids, summer sports camps and the Women's Leadership Institute (recently focused on in the *Kansas City Business Journal*) exhibit educational opportunities at Avila for area and national residents of all ages.



Preparing for 1990 and down the road to the year 2000, Avila is proud to look at its accomplishments and determined to plan for future success. Each graduate who walks away from Avila with a degree carries with him/her a special part of a respected and influential institution.

Annual Fund Deadline

Earlier this year, a consortium of donors provided a \$100,000 Challenge Grant to encourage support of Avila's "Annual Fund" campaign. In order to qualify for this grant, contributions by Avila alumni and friends must be received by June 30, 1989. If you have made a gift to the Annual Fund or plan to do so before June 30, your contribution will be increased by fifty percent.

The Annual Fund is unrestricted money used for faculty and staff salaries, scholarships and grants for deserving students. Your support of this cause is invaluable!

About the Inserts in this issue of Accent on Avila

Avila College Can Save You 50% Off Your Hotel Bills!...As an alum of Avila College, you are eligible for membership in QUEST INTERNATIONAL. Quest membership entitles you to discounts at over 1,000 hotels and motels throughout the country. National establishments including Holiday Inn, Hilton, and Sheraton participate in the program. For additional information, consult the enclosed Quest brochure (Membership form is included - send to "Avila Quest Offer", P.O. Box 871, Yakima, WA 98901).

Double Your Dollars!...The company you work for may be one of the more than 1,000 corporations in the United States that will match your monetary donations to Avila College. If it is, the impact of your contribution can be DOUBLED. Check the enclosed brochure, "Double Your Dollars," to see if your company will match your Avila College donation.

The Avila + Okolona Connection

Okolona, Mississippi, population 4700, is a thirteen hour drive from Avila College and was the site of the latest pilgrimage sponsored by the Avila Campus Ministry. It is a community where only seven practicing Catholics bond together through St. Theresa's Catholic Church to combat the racial discord which is still quite prevalent today. Economically depressed and looking for guidance, Okolona and its residents were very much in need of the mission called "The Avila + Okolona Connection."

The week before Easter, five representatives from Avila College loaded the van and headed for Okolona and many unexpected emotions. Father Mike Zahorchak, resident chaplain for Avila; Thomas Alexander, a long-time friend of Avila; and three Avila students, Carol Toftness, Joe Patrico and Paul Butler left Avila virtually strangers to one another, yet returned sharing an unbreakable bond.

Upon arrival the group, still unaware of what the pilgrimage was to bring, met with Sr. Elizabeth Brown, parish administrator for St. Theresa's Catholic Church, and were educated in more detail about the current status of Okolona. In spite of the discord and poor economy, the Church had managed to begin making progress. One of its major accomplishments was the establishment of a literacy program called Enrichment and Excellence Through Community Educational Leadership (EXCEL). According to Sr. Liz Brown, this program in addition to a day care program for the elderly, were both experiencing success in "bringing together the community, blacks and whites, in working together on something positive without it having to be forced on them." The Avila group was warmly welcomed as a reinforcement to the Church's commitment to this issue.

Donations for the trip came from the Avila community, and each "pioneer" was responsible for raising \$100. In total, the Avila + Okolona connection was responsible for raising over \$1000 which was used to fulfill their mission and help Okolona residents with much-needed repairs and improvements.

However, money was just a small portion of the Connection," Father Zahorchak said. The Avila representatives were most appreciated for their dedication to serving the needs of the elderly and their attitude of good will. Father Zahorchak referred to the trip as "a ministry of presence," which was evidenced by the hospitality of the people of Okolona. The graciousness of those to whom the Avila pioneers



directed their assistance, however, did not serve to conceal the absolute highs and lows of human experience provided in this one small town still breathing the waves of racial oppression. It wasn't long after they arrived that the group realized that their journey was to provide unexpected dimensions. Yet, as Joe Patrico looked back on this week, he knew the trip represented "one of the best experiences of his life."

Returning to Kansas City and Avila, Father Mike and his followers were filled with fond memories of new acquaintances, optimism for the Okolona community and a strong commitment to continue the "connection." According to Father Zahorchak, the trip to Okolona will now be an annual event and will hopefully influence the development of an active ministry for Avila. There is even talk of a plan to involve the entire Avila campus in forming a club to keep the Avila-Okolona connection on-going through-

out the year by collecting canned foods for a food pantry, donating clothing and taking a few minutes each day to pray for needy communities like Okolona.

In summing up the success of the Avila + Okolona Connection, Father Zahorchak said, "There is no way to measure the amount of impact our witnessing offered those whose lives we touched in Okolona." However, Avila can safely say that their mission in many ways has also touched our small community and made us aware of our blessings and responsibilities.

13th American Royal Steer Dinner/Auction Sets Record!

What would you bid for a package of freshly cut, grade A, succulent filet mignons? How about a party package for ten to see the Plaza Christmas Lighting Ceremony? These and other irresistible prizes were auctioned off at the 13th Annual Avila College American Royal Steer Dinner/Auction, held on January 20, 1989.

Proceeds from this \$100 per plate event went towards meeting a Challenge Grant made by five generous donors: Kathleen Borsenne, Edna and Jack Bear, Mary Beth Meyers, Philomena Muntzel and Dorothy Whitfield. These donors sponsored a challenge to Steer Dinner guests and bidders which resulted in overall contributions totaling \$115,000, a record amount. This year's American Royal Steer Dinner monies were designated for Avila's Annual Fund.

The College's Annual Fund received an additional boost from another special consortium of donors who challenged Avila alumni and friends to monetarily support the college. To meet the challenge, \$200,000 in unrestricted money must be contributed to the Annual fund by June 30, 1989 (see Annual



The auctioneer's assistant keeps close watch for incoming bids.



A happy bidder receives his prize.

Fund Update on Page 1. Members of this Donor Consortium Challenge are Andrews and McMeel, Ken and Claudia Bergeron, The J.E. Dunn Foundation, The McGee Foundation, Mrs. G.M. Mulhem and The Parker B. Francis, III Foundation.

The 310 guests at this year's Steer Dinner were once again treated to a special menu featuring Filet Mignon Champignon Royale. Bob Boyle, president of Boyle Meat Company, generously donated the American Royal Reserve Grand Champion for this event. Prize steers were also donated by Ken and Betty Cornelius and The Southgate Bank & Trust Co.

Master of Ceremonies Bob Wormington presided over the festivities while Auctioneer Stanley Stout encouraged everyone to participate in the fast-track bidding. Auction items ranged from Waterford Crystal to catered dinners and ski vacations. Prizes were also given to the evening's Highest Bidder Over-All, Tom Zarda, and the Highest Single Bidder, Thomas A. McDonnell.

Avila President Dr. Larry Kramer expressed his appreciation for the support of all associated with the Steer Dinner/Auction at the end of the evening. "All of our very generous benefactors have again come through to exceed our goal of \$100,000 for this event. They may be assured that the proceeds will be used to strengthen the quality of Avila College and will benefit all phases of our operations, from faculty and staff to students," Dr. Kramer said.

Committee members for the 13th Annual Avila College American Royal Steer Dinner/Auction included: Bob Wormington, Jack and Edna Bear (also served as Honorary Co-Chairpersons), Claudia Bergeron, Bob Boyle, Gar Cantrell, Betty Cornelius, Vince DiCarlo, Frank and Alvera Gaeta, Bill Grigsby, Charles Kopke, Elaine Lee, Tom Leathers, Steve and Terry Lewerenz, Tom Sanders, Stanley Stout, Charles VanZante and Dorothy Whitfield.

Lip-Smackin, Toe Tappin Good Time!

There were no \$1000 cocktail dresses at the latest Avila College social event. In fact, few guests were seen wearing anything other than blue denim. But regardless of the attire, the "lowdown" on this "hoedown" was that everyone had a great time at Avila's Annual President's Scholarship Club / Scholarship Sponsor BAR-B-QUE!

"This event is our way of saying 'thank you,' your contributions are invaluable," Dr. Larry Kramer, president of Avila College, said. Guests at the Bar-B-Que represented those alumni and friends of the College who donate money towards Avila scholarships. According to Dr. Kramer, without these people, some students would have to face the high cost of education by themselves. "With tuition on the rise and federal support on the decline, scholarships often mean the difference between whether or not a student can afford an Avila education."

The Bar-B-Que was held in Marian Centre on campus. Red checkered tablecloths, a mock chuck wagon and lanterns turned the everyday dining hall into an old time hoedown. Guests danced to the rhythm of a bluegrass band and ate tender barbecue until well after dusk. Highlights of the evening included two Avila students who were able to attend Avila be-

cause of scholarships) expressing their gratitude to the scholarship donors, and the live "human" horse that danced with the guests and playfully fell over with exhaustion. (Rides were not offered.)

The list of Avila College scholarship donors includes 860 members, both alumni and friends. "Many of the scholarship donors never graduated from Avila," Grant Thomas, vice president for advancement, said. "These men and women donate scholarship money because they are concerned about the high cost of college tuition and know the value of an Avila education."

The President's Scholarship Club (PSC) recently experienced a substantial membership increase due to a special fund-raising phonathon. During April, students, staff, faculty and alumni generously donated their time to call possible donors and explain the vital need for scholarship funds. As a result, 88 new members were inducted into PSC.

Among the guests at Avila's Annual PSC/Scholarship Sponsors Bar-B-Que were Joyce Middendorf, president of Avila's Scholarship Sponsors, with her husband Ted; and Ken Bergeron, president of President's Scholarship Club, with his wife Claudia.



Ken Bergeron and Dr. Kramer discuss "happenings at the ranch."

'89 Alumni Golf Classic Just A "Putt" Away

The '89 Avila College Alumni Golf Classic will be held Wed., Sept 20th at the The Deer Creek Country Club.

11:30 AM. . . Putting Contest
12:30 PM . . . Lunch
1:30 PM . . . Tee-Off

Players, hole sponsors and prize contributors are needed. For more information, call Dan or Mary Ellen Clark at (913) 341-8752.

Planned Giving...Answers to Commonly Asked Questions

During Avila's most recent phonathon where alumni and friends were asked to financially support Avila programs, volunteer callers often heard the comment "I just wish I could do more for the students at Avila." With the current tax deduction situation, many people are turning toward Planned Giving as the vehicle through which to give larger gifts.

The forty-year old who makes an annual contribution to Avila may want to create a major Planned Gift for the College through life insurance, or by naming Avila College as beneficiary to future retirement funds in the event they are not fully utilized. A retired individual who is on a limited budget may find that an Avila Life Income Plan can actually increase his current monthly income while providing a future gift to Avila. However, neither of these two people would be able to find out whether Planned Giving is right for them if they don't know what it's about. Below are commonly asked questions and answers about Planned Giving through insurance and through annuities.

Planned Gift through Insurance:

How can I take a "charitable income tax deduction" through an existing insurance policy?

A "charitable income tax deduction" is created when Avila College is named both owner and beneficiary of the policy. If it is a paid insurance policy, the donor is entitled to a "charitable deduction" in the year the gift was made for the fair market value of the policy. If the policy is unpaid with premium payments still due, the donor is entitled to a "charitable deduction" for the fair market value of the policy on the date of the gift, as well as when future annual premium payments are paid through Avila College.

Can I purchase a new insurance policy with Avila College designated as beneficiary?

Yes

What is an example of how a Planned Gift to Avila through an insurance policy can benefit me?

Often, the needs of existing insurance policies will change, such as policies insuring a home mortgage or a child's education. When it is no longer needed, this insurance policy can be gifted to Avila College while providing tax benefits to the donor.

Planned Gifts through Life Income Plans:

What is a Life Income Plan?

A Life Income Plan can provide the donor an immediate "charitable deduction" for their future gift to Avila College, thus increasing their annual income. (The deduction is calculated by actuarial tables established by the Internal Revenue Service relating to the age of the donor at the time of the gift). A Life Income Plan can be a Gift Annuity, a Pooled Income Fund, or a Charitable Remainder Trust.

What are some of the benefits of a Life Income Plan?

Life Income Plans are attractive to those who are currently retired, or near or planning for their retirement years. One of the benefits of this type of Planned Gift is that it will allow highly appreciated, non-income producing property to be converted to an income-producing asset without creating capital gains taxes.

What is a Charitable Gift Annuity?

A Charitable Gift Annuity is an attractive Life Income Plan for friends and alumni of Avila College who desire a fixed income. A gift annuity can be established with a minimum asset of \$5,000. Donors may elect to create a Deferred Charitable Gift Annuity and reserve income payments for their retirement years, or they may choose to receive payments immediately.

How are income payments from a Charitable Gift Annuity determined?

Annuity income payments are determined by the "Uniform Gift Annuity Rates" established by the Conference on Gift Annuities. Whenever payments begin, a "charitable deduction" will result from the gift portion of the annuity. An immediate gift annuity pays a fixed sum of money amounting to a percentage of the total gift (this is based on the age of the donor).

What is an example of how income is earned from a Charitable Gift Annuity?

A 65 year-old male giving \$10,000 to Avila would receive 7.3% of the total gift, or \$730, each year for the rest of his life.

How do Deferred Gift Annuities work?

Deferred Gift Annuity return rates reflect the amount of time that the gift is deferred, as well as the actuarial information on the donor. For example, if a 34 year-old man made a deferred gift which would not begin paying out until he turned 65, he would receive approximately 27.3% of the contribution per year from age 65 until his death.

How is the actual Planned Gift through Annuities made to Avila College?

Annuity payment cease with the last payment prior to the passing of the annuitant in a one life agreement, or the passing of the survivor beneficiary in a two life agreement. The balance of the principal used to fund the annuity will then go to Avila College.

The Avila College "Heritage Club" has been created to recognize those individuals who create a Planned Gift for Avila College. Charter membership recognition will be given for those who become members during this year. (Confidentiality will be honored upon request.) For further information or clarification, contact G. Richard Scott, director of Planned Giving for Avila College, at 942-8400.

Plenty of Pomp at GRADUATION '89



The campus was meticulously manicured as the class of 1989 formed a procession on Saturday, May 13, and headed towards Mabee Fieldhouse. This was Graduation '89 -- a time of celebration and reflection for the 221 excited candidates for Avila's academic degrees.

As the students and faculty proceeded into the filled-to-capacity fieldhouse, a sense of excitement filled the air. Somehow it seemed that this class would have great influence over the future of this community and Avila College. Reverend Emmanuel Cleaver expressed this when he vehemently said, "We Need You!"

Reverend Cleaver, City Councilman and Mayor Pro Tem for Kansas City, was the guest speaker at the Commencement exercises, and focused his oratory around the thought that we need to be "good...for nothing." Introducing this theme he used a humorous anecdote about himself as a little boy. Referring to himself as a typical mischievous youngster, he told about one particular day when he had been more "mischievous" than usual. Finally, when his mother could take it no longer, she had grabbed him by the shoulders and shaking him had said, "Why can't you be good?" To this he replied that he would for some Gummy Bears and some M&M peanuts. His mother had been beside herself and had blurted out, "Why can't you be more like your father and be good for 'nothing'?"

During the remainder of Reverend Cleaver's address he stressed to the graduating students the importance of being good, not for the gain of material satisfactions, but rather for "nothing," just for the personal satisfaction of changing things for the better.

When it was time for Sister Marie Joan Harris, vice president for academic affairs, to present the candidates to Dr. Kramer, Avila's president, the students eagerly awaited the announcing of their names. The graduating class of 1989 included candidates for Baccalaureate, Associate and Masters degrees.

Honors

Summa Cum Laude

Judith Ann Albors
Lynn Rae Bacon
Lynn M. Duer
Melissa Jo Falling
Lesa L. Gates
Becky Kay Goeglein-Larson
Paul S. Gosal

Kimberly Renee Kelly
Katherine Anne Kussman
Disne L. LaRose
Angela Christine Lynas
Crystal Diane Trumbo
Adrienne Elaine Vogel
Shirley Maxine Young

Magna Cum Laude

Deborah Marie Aiman
Sandra Jean Campbell
Barbara Eve Capuzelo
Janice Kay Dadds
Melody Lynn Edie
Shirley K. Ellingboe
Dinae Marie Figge, F.S.M.
Cathrine M. Gonier

Tobey Beth Klaus
Joyce Marie Mendeth
Martha Mary Murphy
Caroline Michelle Rogers
Traci Ann Sturman
Ann Margaret Wycoff
Kari Sue Yoss
Elizabeth Ann McRoberts
Zehley

Cum Laude

Sherry Wyse Blyth
Nicolete Eugenia Chartier
Misty Lee Cole
Cynthia Marie Cook
Gwendolyn M. Forrest
Janet Carol Hixson
Patricia Geraldine Kampeter
Carole L. Kennedy

Debbie Lynn Lyons
Christina Adrienne O'Keefe
Barbara Ann Puckett
Machelle Ann Reynoldson
Randy Lee Ritchie
Brian L. Sackett
Janice R. Thies
Kimberly Ann Werth
Rosella Marie Wheeler

Avila Student Chosen For Nursing Award



Kerri Ann Burge, a student at Avila College and resident of Olathe, Kansas, was recently awarded one of the three nursing scholarships given by the Nancy Whalen Foundation Board of Directors. Burge was chosen out of more than 35 applicants from various colleges.

The award presentation ceremony took place at the Designer Showhouse XX Swope Park. Phil Whit of WDAF Channel 4 served as Master of Ceremonies, and Joe Whalen (husband of Nancy Whalen in whose name the award is given) presented the award to Kerri.

"Nancy Whalen was a very enthusiastic, vivacious nurse, and those that knew her speak very highly of her," Burge said. "I was really honored when I heard that I was among the scholarship recipients."

Burge is currently a junior at Avila and has completed 100 credit hours toward her BSN. In addition to her current nursing courses, Burge holds a Bachelor of Science in Child and Family Development. Her career plans include using her education to become a Pediatrics/Obstetrics nurse and eventually pursuing a Masters degree in Maternal-Child Health.

"I have always had a deep personal interest in children," said Burge, who is married with one daughter of her own. In addition to the Nancy Whalen Scholarship, she has been awarded other honors such as the Saint Joseph Health Center Auxiliary Scholarship and the Avila College Scholarship Sponsors Award.

When asked why she chose Avila to continue her education, Burge simply replied, "Avila is known throughout the community as producing excellent nurses."

Student Receives Stanford Internship

Ann Corneliusen, a sophomore at Avila College, was recently awarded a position in the Summer Science Program at Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, Stanford University.



Corneliusen was one out of eighteen students and 100 applicants chosen to participate in the program.

The nine-week Summer Science Program involves a lecture series and a work assignment which will utilize each student's academic background in physics, mathematics, computer science, and mechanical and electrical engineering.

"One of the aspects of this award that I think makes Ann most deserving is the fact that she researched and applied for the position without any help or persuasion from her professors," Sr. Ann Dominic Tassone, professor of Mathematics at Avila, commented. Corneliusen is currently working towards her Bachelor of Science in Mathematics.

The Stanford Linear Accelerator Center is "a laboratory devoted to experimental and theoretical research in elementary particle physics and to the development of new techniques in high-energy accelerators and elementary particle detectors."

Athletic Department Announces Student Awards

The Avila College Athletic Department is proud to announce that the following student athletes were recognized as All-District performers for the 1988-89 school year:

SOCCER: Steve Foerstel, Richard Joyce, Gary Myers, Dylan Aiman
VOLLEYBALL: Tina Caldwell
MEN'S BASKETBALL: Jeff Stapleton, David Paul
BASEBALL: Joe Sharkey, Chris Bock
SOFTBALL: Cindy Carlton

Class Notes:

1920's

Mary Randolph Engstrom, Ph.D. ('25) is a researcher and currently writing a book.

Mary Bell Hewitt ('29) is singing with a symphony chorus.

1930's

Mary Wallerstedt Schwab ('39) is the 1987-89 National President of Women in Community Service.

1940's

Genevieve Jordan Lukenbill ('40) and her husband celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary on QE II cruise. They also work as volunteers on the Queen Mary.

Jeanette Schope Scharz ('46) is a talent monitor at K.U. Regents Center, Shawnee Mission, Kansas.

1950's

Patricia Jensen Doyle ('51) was recently promoted to Senior Program Officer of The Cleveland (OH) Foundation.

Dr. Martha Gail ('56) has practiced family medicine in Portland, Oregon for 20 years. Wants to hear from old friends.

Rita Boyle ('56) played the lead role in the American Theatre Company's production of "The Road to Mecca."

Susan Ross Bingold ('59) has started her own Interior Design business under the name of Classic Casa Interiors.

1960's

Connie Kassick John ('61) is teaching third grade at Sycamore Hills School in Independence, Missouri.

Sister Barbara Moore, C.S.J. ('62) is Coordinator and Case Manager for the prenatal care program at the Samuel U. Rogers Center in Kansas City, Missouri.

Denise Brennan ('62) received a 1988 National Association of Counties Achievement Award for her Communicable Disease Prevention and Education Program for child care facilities.

Frances Orozco Rog ('62) has been awarded a grant from the Spanish government involving a Quincentennial Fellowship in Spain, from July 3, 1989 to August 4, 1989. It will give her nine hours of graduate credit in classroom study and learning related to the culture and teaching of Spanish.

Joan Leland Mosher ('64) is the Senior Medical Management and Rehabilitation Nurse Consultant for GAB Business Services, Inc. in Arizona.

Mary Agnes Castrop Morrow ('64) is the Director of Marketing for Marriott Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Patricia Glenn Jensen ('64) is Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of Minnesota.

Carol Thomas Hickey ('65) is Director of Health for Marion Laboratories in Kansas City.

Charlotte Hunter ('65) is Director of Recruitment for World Bank of Washington D.C.

Dr. Gerald Daly ('66) is Director of Treatment at the Crittenton Center, Kansas City, Missouri.

Julia Trotter ('66) is Host Software Marketing Manager and Printing Systems Production Marketing for Xerox Corporation, El Segundo, California.

Mary Javorek Stipe ('67) is Regional Manager for Don Caster Clothing Co. in East Northport, New York.

Linda Davin Hageman ('67) and her husband Norman were honored for their dedication as parishioners of Christ the King Church in Kansas City, Missouri at the Bishop's 13th Annual Dinner.

Sallye Sickman ('68) is Director of Special Events for the San Diego Children's Hospital in San Diego, California.

De Anne Flucke Schmidt ('68) is teaching religion at St. Pius X High School, Kansas City, Missouri.

Nancy Zimmerman Kotch ('69) exhibited her work, "Kimonos for Architectural Spaces," at the Women and Their Work Gallery in Austin, Texas.

1970's

Noella McCray ('70) is Director of the Cancer Center at Trinity Lutheran Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri.

Marian Huhman ('72) is Director of the Stress Management Clinic at the University of Washington's School of Nursing in Seattle.

Barbara Auiler Pacerelli ('74) Supervises all child welfare services for three major Indian Reservations in three counties.

Maira Fallon ('74) has earned her Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of New Mexico, and works with multiple handicapped children.

Beverly A. Mosnick ('75) is Supervisor of the Jackson County Missouri Division of Aging.

Don McLaughlin ('75) is Corporate Risk Manager for Butler Manufacturing Co. in Kansas City.

David Frantze ('76) is a Partner in Stinson, Mag and Fizzell law firm.

Sister Mary Ann Hartman, M.M.B. ('76) celebrated the profession of her final vows in the Institute of the Mercedarian Missionaries of Berriz on June 26, 1988, at Mt. Carmel Cathedral, Chalan Kanoa, Saipan.

Debra Rogozenski Goldstein ('77) is Campaign Director, Year Round Programs, for the Heart of American United Way. Was awarded Outstanding Young Women of America honor in 1987.

Russell Wier ('77) is District Representative of Missouri and Kansas for National Chemresearch.

Debbie Epperson ('77) teaches primary level trainable retarded students at Lakeview Woods State School, Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Karen Schweiger Komoroski ('78) is an instructor in community health nursing at K.U. Medical Center. Karen was recently chosen for the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Centurion Program, a two-year training program for young leaders.

William P. Helling ('78) is Professor of French at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana and his wife, Jane. ('81) are the parents of three children.

Joan Mickelberry ('78) is Vice President of Citicorp Credit Services, Inc. in Kansas City.

Theodore Loar ('78) is National Accounts Manager for Yellow Freight in the Twin Cities area.

Harry Janke ('78) is Vice President for Adventist HEALTH Systems, Meeriam, Kansas.

J. Robert Hardin ('78) was promoted to Senior Vice President of the Correspondent Banking division of United Missouri Bank of Kansas City.

Dr. Ann Billingsley ('78) was awarded a Doctor of Dental Surgery by UMKC in May, 1987. She has a private practice in Shawnee Mission, Kansas.

1980's

George Comiskey ('80) was awarded a Master of Fine Arts by Wayne State University, June 1987, in Detroit, Michigan.

Gerald Gasparovich ('80) is the chief financial officer for Sutherland Building Supplies in Kansas City.

Rebecca Pilshaw ('81) is practicing law in the firm of Render and Kamas, Wichita, Kansas.

Brenda Frazier ('83) is Director of the Radiological Technology School at Research Medical Center, Kansas City.

James Lemos ('84) is a supervisor Auditor for the blue Cross-Blue Shield in Kansas City.

Judy Lynn Burkhalter ('85) is Assitant Director of Services at Sun Publications in Overland Park, Kansas. She also is Assistant Women's Basketball Coach at Avila.

Cecilia Wempe Townsend ('85) is teaching electrical engineering at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. She holds a Masters degree in Engineering from K.U. and an M.B.A. from Avila.

Kathy Werth ('85) is a Chemist at Pfizer, Inc. in Kansas City, and is currently working on her M.B.A. at Avila.

Teresa Flucke ('86) is Public Relations Director for Avila College. Alumni wishing to help with alumni events should call Teresa at 942-8400, ext. 353.

Jeannie Blais ('88) works for the Greater Kansas City Foundation for the Mentally Retarded.

Lisa Ruggiero ('88) is the Assistant Supervisor at the House of Lloyds. She is in the Personnel Department.

Tim Westcott ('88) is teaching American History at Rockhurst High School. He is the immediate past-President of the Avila History Club.

Births

Jessica Nicole was born to Julie Meissen Boss ('89) - December 15, 1988.

Michael Timothy is the 1st grandchild of Margaret Amonene ('59) and William H. Hare, Jr. - October 12, 1988.

Kern Alison and Katie Renee are the new twins born to Debra Osborn Neugebauer ('77) and Douglas Neugebauer ('79) - December 1, 1988.

Audrey Anne was born to David & Julie Regan Busch ('77) in Fair Oaks, California - January 27, 1988.

Weddings

Sarah Pfeifer ('85) married Roy Vaz on June 6, 1988 at St. Gabriel's.

Amy Baron ('85) and Steven Andrew Surface were married on September 11, 1988 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Kansas City, MO.

Deaths

Theodore Heller, Jr., son of Mary Pat Immenschuh Heller ('50) died April 15, 1989.

Patricia Phelan Zimmerman ('56) died December 1988.

Scholarship Named In Honor Of Sister Rose Anthony Schmitt

The Avila College Alumni Association, headed by Sharon Exposito, president, unanimously voted to establish the Sister Rose Anthony Avila Scholarship. Sister Rose, as everyone fondly calls her, has been at Avila for 35 years, part of the time as instructor and most recently as alumni coordinator. Her recent retirement from this position prompted the Alumni Board, of which Sister was a very active member, to honor her past service.

"The scholarship is a perfect way to show our appreciation and love for Sister Rose Anthony," Exposito said. Sister Rose has always been "the smiling face" on campus when everything else seemed overwhelming. Her quick wit and clever stories of days gone by have lured many a student and staff member to her office where he or she would always end up laughing at one of her anecdotes. Her dedication to the College has served as one of the stabilizing forces behind its success. Many people even speculate that Sister Rose can name every student that has ever walked through Avila's doors.

The announcement of the scholarship was made at a special celebration mass held in Sister Rose Anthony's honor. At the mass were alumni and friends who wanted to express their thanks to Sister Rose for her support, her kindness, and most of all, her faith.



Dr. Kramer and Sister Marie Joan Harris present Sister Rose Anthony with a plaque.

Avila Camps for Kids (Go ahead, make their summer!)

The Avila Continuing Education Department will once again sponsor Summer Camps for Kids for ages 5-18. The following is a list of camps being offered. For more information, call 942-8400, ext. 280.

JUNE

Flight of Imagination: An Aviation & Aerospace Camp
Beginning Computer Camp
Zoo Camp
Radio Play Camp
Advanced Computer Camp
Basic Ceramics Camp
Creative Movement Camp
Ballet & Modern Dance Camp
Camps for Gifted & Talented Students

JULY

Flight of Imagination: An Aviation & Aerospace Camp
Spanish Camp
Nursing Career Camp
Business Camp
Personal Finance & Investing Camp
Creative Writing Camp
Video Production Camp
Drawing Camp
Drama Camp

AUGUST

Beginning Computer Camp
Mock Trials Camp
Advanced Computer Camp
First Aid Camp
Physics Camp
Voice Camp

The Avila Athletic Department is offering Summer Sports Camps for Soccer and Basketball. For further information, contact Scott Royal-Ferris or Bill Wiesbrook at 942-8400, ext. 325.

Classes are filling up quickly, so call now!

Avila College Alumni: Whereabouts Unknown.

Finding a former classmate can be just like looking for the proverbial "needle in a haystack," but not anymore. Soon an impressive directory of our great alumni will be available to help you locate your old friends.



The new Avila College Alumni Directory, scheduled for release in Nov/Dec 89 will be the most up-to-date and complete reference with over 7,000 Avila College alumni, ever compiled! This comprehensive volume will include current name, address and phone number, academic data, plus business information (if applicable), bound into a classic, library quality edition.

The Alumni Office/Association Directory has contracted the prestigious Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc. to produce our Directory. Harris has begun researching and compiling the information to be printed in the Directory by mailing a questionnaire to each alumni. (If you prefer not to be listed in the Directory, please contact the Alumni Office in writing as soon as possible.)

The new Avila College Alumni Directory will soon make finding an Avila College alumni as easy as opening a book. Look for more details on this project in future issues.

*** HOMECOMING '89 ***

The following events have been planned for Homecoming '89. Clip out and save this section, mark your calendar, tie a string around your finger, JUST DON'T MISS THIS EXCITING WEEKEND!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Art Exhibit - Thornhill Art Gallery
8:00 p.m. Theatre Production:
"Brighton Beach Memoirs"
Goppert Theatre

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

11:30 a.m. Buffet Lunch for Nursing Alumni
11:30 a.m. Volleyball - Avila vs.
St. Marys of Leavenworth
2:00 p.m. Soccer - Avila vs. UMKC
4:30 p.m. Booster Club - Mabee Fieldhouse
5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception - All Classes
Marian Centre
6:30 p.m. Class Dinners -
50 (1939), 25 (1964), 10 (1979)
8:00 p.m. - midnight Homecoming Dance
(Student / Alumni)
(Location to be announced)
8:00 - 10:00 p.m. Theatre Production
"Brighton Beach Memoirs"
Gopper Theatre

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

10:00 a.m. Homecoming Mass -
Goppert Theatre
11:00 a.m. Homecoming Brunch -
Marian Centre

Locations of Class Dinners and Homecoming Cocktail Reception will be announced soon. Watch your mail for upcoming Homecoming '89 information. If you would like to help contact alumni from your class, please call Teresa Flucke at 942-8400, ext. 353.

Remember to mark your calendars now...
AVILA HOMECOMING '89
SEPTEMBER 29, 30 and OCTOBER 1

Calling for "Alumna/us Of The Year" Nominations

Part of the traditional Avila Homecoming festivities is the awarding of AVILA ALUMNA/US OF THE YEAR. This award recognizes a particular alumna who has shown community leadership and success as well as demonstrated active support of Avila College.

Nominations for the highly-respected honor are currently being taken. If you know of anyone who is deserving of this award, please contact Grant Thomas, vice president of advancement, at 942-8400, ext 213 OR send your nomination to: Avila College, Alumna/us Of The Year Nomination, 11901 Wornall Road, Kansas City, MO 64145 (you need not include your name if you would rather remain anonymous).

All nominations will be considered by the selection committee, and the award will be presented at Homecoming '89 alumni brunch, to be held October 1, 1989, at Marian Centre (immediately following the Alumni mass)

Bridge Marathon

Avila Bridge Marathon needs you. Find a partner and join in. You'll play a different team every month - September through May. The last month is play-offs at Avila. Donation to Avila is \$10.00 per person. All levels of players are welcome! To sign up or for more information call Mary Pat Beck at 941-0529 or Debbie Hutchinson at 345-8705.

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